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Question time: Lend me your ears

Pretend you are a commencement speaker.

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With all the graduations taking place this time of year, we couldn't help but turning our attention to those entering the next stage of their lives:

"Imagine you are chosen to give a commencement speech to this year's graduating class of your alma mater. What advice would you give the students?"

Your Answers

• "Find something that you enjoy to be your career. That way you'll enjoy going to work every day. Don't choose a career just to make money. Choose it because you want to do it for the rest of your life." – **Rachel Alison Brantley**

• “Learning doesn’t end at graduation. You have to keep learning about all kinds of things around you and make thoughtful decisions based on what you have learned.” - **Shelli Eltzeroth Layman**

• “Keep going for your dreams, never stop trying, never give up. One day you will get there and you will be so happy that you achieved your goals. Always keep your keep family close to your heart. Always remember nothing is possible without the support of your family and God.” - **Hilary R. Ridenour**

• “Don’t take anything for granted, life has a way of taking twists and turns when you least expect it. Be prepared. Rely on yourself. Most of all, live your life with appreciation.” - Annette Klein Rockhill

Our Answers

• “Focus on being useful to your family and your fellow man, and everything will work itself out. The less time you spend thinking about yourself, the better a person you’ll become. It is in giving that we receive.” – **Scott Smith**

• “My advice to graduates would be to find a job or career that they enjoy, regardless of the pay and prestige. Keep looking until you find what

interests you. Always put friends and family at the top of your list and enjoy life as much as possible. Create a ‘bucket list’ of how to help your fellow man.” – **Ken de la Bastide**

• “Don’t buy a wooden nickel. Just kiddin’” – **Mike Fletcher**

• “I’ve started typing an answer several times. I keep erasing what I’ve written and starting over every time. So, I’ll defer to ‘Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life’ on this question: ‘Try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations.’” – **Rob Burgess**

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